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Dear USDA.

I am writing to you in hope that you will grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. The fact that sick animals are allowed to be slaughtered and their meat injested by humans is incomprehensible, but sadder still is the horribly inhumane way these animals are treated. I can only imagine their pain and I urge you to please grant this petition so that they might be treated humanely, and to keep tainted meat from entering the human food chain.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

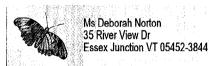
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